



PLACER COUNTY
IHSS Advisory Committee
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Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2006

Attendance

Committee Members Present: Eula Marshall, Ruth Lindsley, Mary (Katie) Snoberger, Diane Lester, Mary DeGraaf, Margaret Maldaner, Michael Fletcher and Karen Boal.

Committee Members Absent: Deborah Dahl

County Staff Present: Shirlee Herrington.

Public: None

Chairperson Margaret Maldaner called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call And Introductions: Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Excused Absences: **Action:** A ***Motion*** was made by Michael Fletcher and seconded by Ruth Lindsley to excuse Deborah Dahl. The ***Motion*** carried.

Unexcused Absences: None.

Member Reports/Announcements/Questions: None

Public Comment: None.

Approve 4/20/06 Meeting Summary: **Action:** A ***Motion*** was made by Karen Boal and seconded by Katie Snoberger to approve the 4/20/06 meeting summary as written. The ***Motion*** carried.

Note: Michael Fletcher clarified that CICA is advocating and educating IHSS providers and consumers regarding Time for Task guidelines. He felt that describing their efforts as lobbying was inaccurate.

PA/Advisory Committee Newsletter: The Summer 2006 edition is scheduled for delivery by the end of June 2006. Members discussed including an article about providers getting injured while performing unauthorized tasks. Worker's Compensation will deny such claims leaving the provider responsible for full payment of medical bills.

Report: California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA) Spring Conference: Katie Snoberger reported that attending the Spring Conference and being a member of the IHSS Advisory Committee is a privilege. It has given her a new awareness. It has educated her about legislation that focuses on disability rights, instead of hindering the already vulnerable disabled and senior population. Katie expressed appreciation for allowing her to serve the disabled community in Placer County and for the opportunity to represent the IHSS Advisory Committee at the Spring Conference.

California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA) Update: Michael announced that CICA is officially a nonprofit organization with the recent approval of 501(c)(3) status.

Michael reported that a representative (Eva) from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) participated in the most recent CICA conference call regarding AB1682 funds. Eva advised that CDSS, the California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA) and the California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) are working together to more clearly define AB1682 spending guidelines. CAPA and CWDA are agents for CDSS. CICA and IHSS Advisory Committees serve to advise. Advisory Committee members who wish to provide input and suggestions regarding the development of spending guidelines should submit through their Public Authority. Advisory Committee's who do not have a good relationship with the Public Authority may submit through CICA. During the call, Karen Keesler added that counties have discretion regarding the use of AB1682 funds.

Shirlee Herrington reminded members that their spending requests (Newsletter; Stipends; Conferences; Refreshments; etc.) have all been approved. When the Committee recommended joining CICA and approved paying \$2000.00 membership dues, there was not a legitimate entity to send payment to. Now we

need to wait for the state to determine if CICA dues are an allowable use of the Advisory Committee funds.

Michael proposed adding "Placer County IHSS Advisory Committee Recommendations Regarding AB1682" to next month's agenda for discussion.

Michael also proposed that this Committee consider scheduling a special "closed" meeting to discuss budget development, strategic planning and future goals.

PA Manager Report

a. Provider Benefits: There are currently 38 providers on the waiting list for provider health benefits. The average wait time is approximately two months (65 days).

b. Provider Recruitment: Public Authority staff is running newspaper advertisements for IHSS providers in the Auburn Journal and the Sacramento Bee. Response has been good.

c. AC Member Recruitment: There are currently two vacancies for IHSS Recipients (current or former; public or private). Press Releases advertising the vacancies run in the Auburn Journal and Sacramento Bee every month.

d. Registry Report: Members reviewed the April registry report.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Date: June 15, 2006 (Thursday)
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: The Domes, 175 Fulweiler, Auburn (Conference Room A)

REMINDER: The August 17th meeting will be held in the Dewitt Center at 11533 C Avenue, Auburn. ASOC Large Conference Room